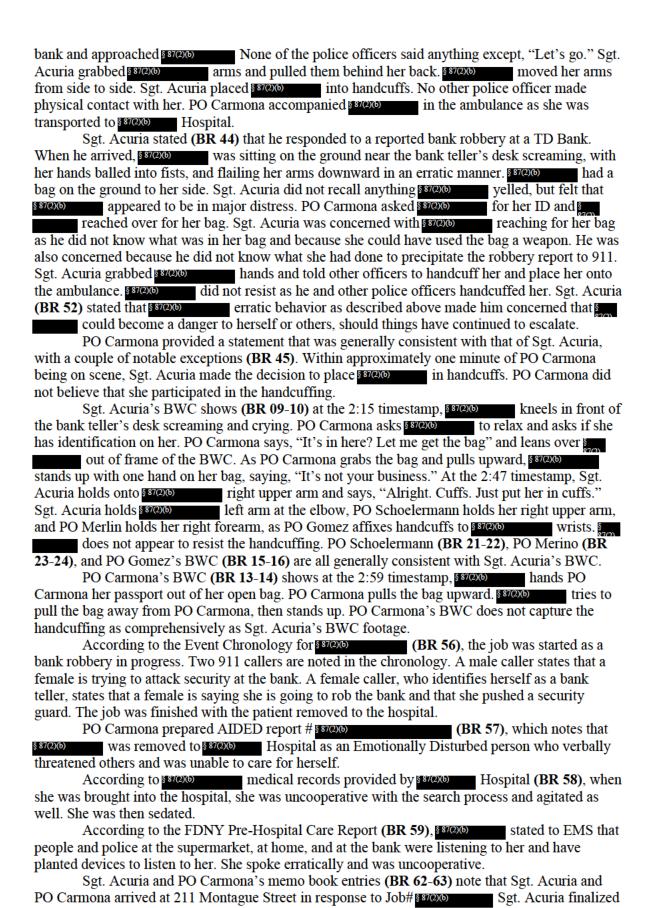
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	✓	Force	\checkmark	Discourt.		U.S.
Drew Murphy		Squad #10	202308471	V	Abuse		O.L.		Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:			18 N	Io. S	OL	I	recinct:
Wednesday, 01/25/2023 5:06 PM, Wednesday, 01/25/2023 5:18 PM		TD Bank; En Route to § 87(2)(b) Hospital			7/25/2024			84	
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:		Date/Tim	e Reco	eived at CC	RB	
Thu, 09/07/2023 2:33 PM		CCRB	In-person		Thu, 09/0	7/202	3 2:33 PM		
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. PO Kayla Carmona	08491	970442	084 PCT						
2. SGT Julio Acuria	01077	933593	084 PCT						
3. PO Adam Merino	16588	957852	084 PCT						
4. PO Craig Schoelermann	19383	962787	084 PCT						
5. PO John Gomez	07727	970551	084 PCT						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. PO Chandanie Arjun	14869	954500	084 PCT						
2. SGT Adnan Chatha	04353	955810	084 PCT						
3. PO Brandon Almonte	24212	968929	084 PCT						
4. PO Karlvirn Williams	04860	969429	084 PCT						
5. PO Steven Merslich	27149	960939	084 DET						
6. PO Joshua Destasio	22279	962357	084 PCT						
7. PO Farzodhon Sayfiev	11322	974530	084 PCT						
8. PO Yousif Said	15758	967681	MED DIV						
9. PO Jorge Taveras	21168	972283	084 PCT						
10. PO Keiry Genaoalmonte	22232	971954	084 PCT						
11. PO Gustavo Jaramillo	01528	949137	084 PCT						
12. PO Rabeel Ahmad	12961	956371	084 PCT						
13. PO Justin Suarez	25191	971242	084 PCT						
14. PO Conor Megouran	31638	972102	084 PCT						
15. SGT Marjobert Singca	03117	937546	084 PCT						
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inv	estiga	ntor Recor	nme	ndation
A . SGT Julio Acuria		n the vicinity of 211 Mo uria forcibly removed §§§							
B . SGT Julio Acuria		the vicinity of 211 Mor sed physical force again		nt J	ulio				
C . PO Craig Schoelermann		the vicinity of 211 Mor hoelermann used physic			icer				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
D . PO Adam Merino	Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer Adam Merino used physical force against \$\frac{87(2)(6)}{2}\$	
E . PO John Gomez	Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer John Gomez used physical force against \$87(2)(b)	
F . SGT Julio Acuria	Abuse: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio Acuria searched \$87(2)(b)	
G . PO Kayla Carmona	Abuse: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Office Kayla Carmona searched \$87(2)(6)	r
H . PO Kayla Carmona	Abuse: En route to § 87(2)(b) Hospital, Police Officer Kayla Carmona searched § 87(2)(b)	
I . PO Kayla Carmona	Off. Language: En route to Hospital, Police Officer Kayla Carmona spoke offensively regarding actual or perceived disability.	
J . PO Kayla Carmona	Discourtesy: En route to \$87(2)(b) Hospital, Police Officer Kayla Carmona spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)	
K . SGT Julio Acuria	Abuse: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio Acuria failed to provide \$\frac{\$87(2)(b)}{2}\$ with a business card.	
L . PO Kayla Carmona	Abuse: En route to \$87(2)(b) Hospital, Police Officer Kayla Carmona failed to provide \$87(2)(b) with a business card.	

Case Summary

Case Summary
On September 7, 2023, \$87(2)(6) filed this complaint with the CCRB in person.
On January 25, 2023, at approximately 5:06pm, in the vicinity of the TD Bank located at
211 Montague Street in Brooklyn, became upset with a bank teller, resulting in
multiple people calling 911. Police Officer Kayla Carmona, Police Officer John Gomez
Police Officer Chandanie Arjun, Sergeant Julio Acuria, Sergeant Adnan Chatha,
Police Officer Brandon Almonte, Police Officer Karlvirn Williams, Police Officer Joshua Destasio,
Police Officer Farzodhon Sayfiev, Police Officer Adam Merino, Police Officer Craig
Schoelermann, Police Officer Jorge Taveras, Police Officer Keiry Genaoalmonte, Police Officer
Gustavo Jaramillo, Police Officer Rabeel Ahmad, Police Officer Justin Suarez, Police Officer
Conor McGouran, Sergeant Marjobert Singca, all of the 84th Precinct, as well as Police Officer
Steven Merslich, of the 84th Precinct Detective Squad, and Police Officer Yousif Said, of the
Medical Division, all reported to the scene. Sgt. Acuria grabbed 887(2)(6) arm and instructed
his fellow officers to handcuff and place her in an ambulance (Allegation A: Abuse of
Authority—Forcible Removal to the hospital, \$87(2)(2) Sgt. Acuria, PO
Schoelermann, PO Merino, and PO Gomez held \$87(2)(6) arms and placed her into handcuffs
(Allegations B, C, and D: Force—Physical Force, \$87(2)@ and (Allegation E:
Force—Physical Force, \$87(2)(2) Following the handcuffing Sgt.
Acuria instructed his officers to "give her \$37000 a toss" (Allegation F: Abuse of
Authority—Search (of person), \$87(2)(9) A few minutes later, as they awaited the arrival of
the ambulance, PO Carmona searched 887(2)(6) backpack (Allegation G: Abuse of
Authority—Search (of person), \$27(2)(9)
On January 25, 2023, at approximately 5:18pm, en route to \$87(2)(6) Hospital, PO
Carmona opened security backpack to retrieve her cell phone (Allegation H: Abuse of
Authority—Search (of person), \$37(2)(2) PO Carmona told \$37(2)(3) that she was acting
"pretty crazy," earlier that evening (Allegation I: Offensive Language—Disability,
and (Allegation J: Discourtesy—Word, \$87(2)@
Neither Sgt. Acuria, nor PO Carmona, gave sarco business cards (Allegations K and
L: Abuse of Authority—Failure to Provide RTKA Card, \$87(2)(2)
The investigation obtained body-worn camera footage from PO Carmona, PO Gomez, PO
Arjun, PO Almonte, Sgt. Acuria, Sgt. Chatha, PO Williams, PO Merslich, PO Destasio, PO
Sayfiev, PO Merino, PO Schoelermann, PO Said, PO Taveras, PO Genaoalmonte, PO Jaramillo,
PO Ahmad, PO Suarez, PO McGouran, and Sgt. Singca, the relevant portions of which will be
discussed below (BR 03-42).
This incident did not result in any arrests or summonses.
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Findings and Recommendations
Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio
Acuria forcibly removed \$87(2)(6) to the hospital.
Allegation (B) Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio Acuria used
physical force against § 87(2)(6)
Allegation (C) Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer Craig
Schoelermann used physical force against \$87(2)(6)
Allegation (D) Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer Adam Merino
used physical force against § 87(2)(b)
Allegation (E) Force: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer John Gomez used
physical force against § 87(2)(b)
stated (BR 43) that the bank teller at TD Bank unnecessarily delayed the
process of opening her a safety deposit box. \$87(2)(6) got upset at the delay but did not yell.
could not recall how the bank teller responded, but a security guard threatened to beat up
After approximately 10 to 15 minutes, more than four police officers arrived at the



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the job as 98 (resuming patrol), while PO Carmona finalized the job as 93-Q (Other arrest) and 97-H (patient removed to hospital).

§ 87(2)(g)

According to <u>Patrol Guide</u> procedure 221-13 (**BR 61**), an emotionally disturbed person is "a person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged and is conducting himself in a manner which a police officer reasonably believes is likely to result in serious injury to himself or others." When working with an EDP, police officers are to "attempt to slow the pace of the incident and establish a dialogue with the EDP while awaiting arrival of specialized personnel."

According to <u>Patrol Guide</u> procedure 216-01 (**BR 60**), an AIDED case is "any occurrence coming to the attention of a uniformed member of the service which requires that a person, other than a prisoner, receive medical aid or assistance because such a person is: mentally ill." Upon arrival a uniformed member of service is to "request an ambulance or doctor, if necessary."

Patrol Guide procedure 221-01 states that force may be used when it is reasonable to ensure the safety of a member of the service or a third person, or otherwise protect life, or when it is reasonable to place a person in custody. In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, members of the service should consider the following: 1) The nature and severity of the crime/circumstances. 2)Actions taken by the subject. 3) Duration of the action. 4) Immediacy of the perceived threat or harm to the subject, members of the service, and/or bystanders. 5) Whether the subject is actively resisting custody. 6) Whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight. 7) Number of subjects in comparison to the number of MOS. 8) Size, age, and condition of the subject in comparison to the MOS. 9) Subject's violent history, if known. 10) Presence of hostile crowd or agitators. 11) Subject apparently under the influence of a stimulant/narcotic which would affect pain tolerance or increase the likelihood of violence (BR 51).

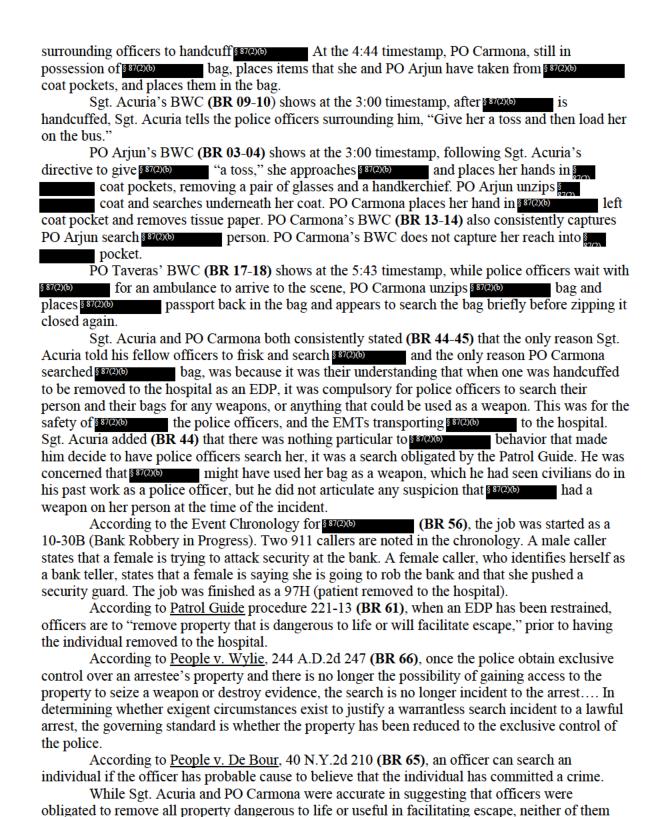
Sgt. Acuria responded to a report of a bank robbery to find \$\frac{\text{\$\tex{

Allegation (F) Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio Acuria searched \$57(2)(6)

Allegation (G) Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer Kayla Carmona searched [87(2)(6)

Allegations F and G derive from BWC.

PO Carmona's BWC (BR 13-14) shows that at the 3:05 timestamp, PO Carmona takes backpack from her, saying she wants to make sure \$87(2)(6) does not have anything inside of it. Immediately following this, Sgt. Acuria grabs \$87(2)(6) right arm and tells the



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were able to articulate anything with regards to \$87(2)(6) statements or actions that lead them

possession, with the exception of her backpack, which consistent and comprehensive BWC shows

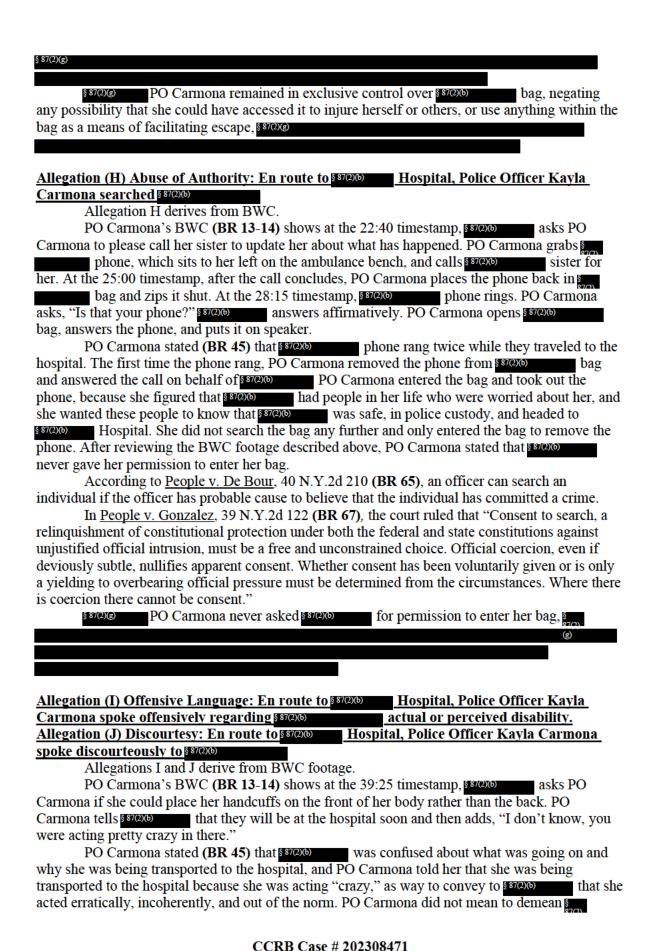
person and in PO Carmona's control, prior to \$87(2)(b)

to develop a reasonable suspicion that she had a weapon or anything else dangerous in her

was removed from § 87(2)(6)

handcuffed and subsequently searched. § 87(2)(g)

being



with the use of the word, "crazy." PO Carmona could not say why she chose to use the word "crazy," as opposed to any other descriptors to convey how strong behaved at the bank.

<u>Patrol Guide</u> procedure 200-02 (**BR 47**) states that the NYPD is committed to treating citizens with compassion, courtesy, professionalism, and respect. Officers are expected to render services with courtesy and civility.

Administrative Guide 304-06 (BR 48) states that officers must not use discourteous or disrespectful remarks regarding another person's disability.

Per <u>Administrative Guide Procedure 304-11</u> **(BR 49)**, officers must interact with members of the public in a professional manner.

Per <u>DCT Case Number 2015-15012</u> (**BR 46**), discourteous language may be permissible when an officer is speaking in the context of a dynamic situation over which he is still attempting to gain control. However, discourteous statements are prohibited when they serve no legitimate purpose but to belittle the civilian.

It is undisputed that while was acting was handcuffed and seat-belted in the back of the ambulance PO Carmona told her she was acting "pretty crazy" earlier. Although PO Carmona stated that she only meant to illustrate to the reason why she was in an ambulance on her way to Hospital, police officers are expected to maintain a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others and are prohibited to making disrespectful remarks regarding one's disability, whether actual or perceived.

Allegation (K) Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Sergeant Julio

Acuria failed to provide (SERGE) with a business card.

Allegation (L) Abuse of Authority: In the vicinity of 211 Montague Street, Police Officer Kayla Carmona failed to provide [87(2)(b)] with a business card.

Throughout the duration of Sgt. Acuria's BWC footage (BR 09-10), he never appears to provide \$87(2)(6) with a business card.

Throughout the duration of PO Carmona's BWC footage (BR 13-14), she never appears to provide \$87(2)(6) with a business card.

Sgt. Acuria stated (BR 52) that he never provided with a business card because she never requested one from him. Although Sgt. Acuria acknowledged that he instructed his fellow officers to search search this search was an obligatory search for weapons ahead of her transportation to the hospital, and therefore, it was not required of him to provide her with a business card.

PO Carmona stated (BR 53) that she never provided with a business card because never requested one of her. PO Carmona did not know whether it was required of her to provide a business card to 537(2)(6) following her search of 537(2)(6)

Per <u>Patrol Guide</u> procedure 203-09 (**BR 55**) and <u>New York City Administrative Code</u> 14-174 (**BR 54**), members of service are to offer a business card at the conclusion of certain law enforcement activities, including frisks and searches of persons which do not result in an arrest or summons.

It is undisputed that Sgt. Acuria commanded officers to search \$8700 and PO Carmona additionally searched 88700 bag. It is also undisputed that neither Sgt. Acuria nor PO Carmona provided her with business cards following the searches \$87000

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which \$87(2)(6) has been a party (BR 02).
- PO Carmona has been a member-of-service for three years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which she has been a subject.

- Sgt. Acuria has been a member of service for 20 years and has been a subject in six CCRB complaints and ten allegations, of which one was substantiated:
 - 201610558 involved a substantiated allegation of refusal to process civilian complaint against Sgt. Acuria. The Board recommended command discipline- A and the NYPD imposed command discipline- A. [870]

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- § \$7(2)(6) declined to mediate this complaint.
- As of February 14, 2024, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regard to this incident (BR 50).
- [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

RPBP History

This compl	aint did not contain any al	legations of Racial Profiling/Bias	-Based Policing.
Squad No.:	10		
Investigator:	Drew Murphy	Inv. Drew Murphy	03/06/2024
	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date
Squad Leader:	Maura R. Roche	IM Maura R. Roche	03/07/2024
	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date
Reviewer:			
	Signature	Print Title & Name	Date